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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Housing and Community Development
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	<u>13</u> VAC <u>5</u> - <u>63</u>
Regulation title	Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC)
Action title	Amend Regulation to reference new Federal Construction Standard
Final agency action date	March 23, 2009
Document preparation date	March 26, 2009

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The regulatory action is to update the USBC to incorporate by reference the recent changes and additions to the Federal Construction Standards of HUD. The Federal Construction Standards are enforcement provisions for the design, construction, distribution and the installation of manufactured homes. As of October, 2008 HUD instituted manufactured home installation standards as part of their enforcement procedures to be the standard for the installation of manufactured homes in all states. The change proposed in the USBC allows the Commonwealth of Virginia to adopt Installation Standards of HUD Part 3285 as the most current installation standard available.

Statement of final agency action

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Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On March 23, 2009 the Board of Housing and Community Development approved the proposed amendment to section 421.2 of the Uniformed Statewide Building Code (USBC).

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

The Department is not aware of any potential impact of this action on the institution of the family or on family stability.